

1 AN ACT

2 RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLES; ENACTING A DESCRIPTION OF AND
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR A STANDARDIZED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE;
4 PROVIDING FOR A STANDARDIZED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATE WITH
5 A LOGO FOR RETIRED NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE OFFICERS;
6 IMPOSING A FEE; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION.

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8 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO:

9 Section 1. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code,
10 Section 66-3-424 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

11 "66-3-424. STANDARDIZED SPECIAL REGISTRATION PLATES
12 WITH LOGOS. --

13 A. Standardized special registration plates with
14 logos may be authorized by statute to show state support for
15 worthy public purposes. The authorizing statute shall
16 provide for collection of fees that, at a minimum, will
17 cover the costs to the division of development, manufacture
18 and issuance of the special registration plates and logos.

19 B. Standardized special registration plates, on
20 the standardized areas, shall:

21 (1) display the colors of the state flag,
22 red lettering on a yellow background;

23 (2) display the phrases "New Mexico USA"
24 and "Land of Enchantment";

25 (3) provide a space for applying the

1 special registration logo, centered at the left edge of the
2 plate, between the attachment holes, beginning one-fourth
3 inch in from the edge of the plate and having the following
4 dimensions: four and one-eighth inches in height and three
5 and one-eighth inches in width; and

6 (4) provide a vehicle registration number,
7 to be assigned by the division, that consists of five
8 alphanumeric characters displayed to the right of the
9 special logo area.

10 C. Special registration logos, except for the
11 standard dimension specified in Paragraph (3) of Subsection
12 B of this section, shall be left to the design discretion of
13 the division, in consultation with the public purpose
14 interest group that requests the special registration plate.

15 D. Standardized special registration plates with
16 logos, when authorized by statute for a particular public
17 purpose interest group, shall meet the requirements
18 specified in this subsection prior to plate issuance by the
19 division. The public purpose interest group, no later than
20 the effective date of the authorizing statute:

21 (1) shall provide evidence acceptable to
22 the division that it will generate a minimum number of
23 prepaid applications as determined by the division for the
24 special registration plate with logo;

25 (2) shall provide a prepayment to the

1 division in an amount sufficient to cover the plate and logo
2 cost of the initial order;

3 (3) shall provide a sample of the requested
4 artwork design in a format specified by the plate
5 manufacturer for the specialized logo; and

6 (4) in cases where the authorizing statute
7 includes revenue sharing with distribution directed to a
8 particular group or fund, shall show that the recipient is a
9 governmental entity or a fund authorized for the use of a
10 governmental entity.

11 E. The division may promulgate rules for
12 implementation of the provisions of this section. "

13 Section 2. A new section of the Motor Vehicle Code,
14 Section 66-3-424.1 NMSA 1978, is enacted to read:

15 "66-3-424.1. STANDARDIZED SPECIAL **REGISTRATION** PLATE
16 **FOR** RETIRED NEW MEXICO STATE POLICE OFFICERS.--

17 A. The division shall issue a standardized
18 special registration plate with a logo specified in Section
19 66-3-424 NMSA 1978 indicating that the recipient is a person
20 who is a retired New Mexico state police officer upon
21 submission by the person of proof satisfactory to the
22 division that the person is a retired New Mexico state
23 police officer. The proof shall include the submission of a
retirement commission from the New Mexico state police.

24 B. No person shall represent himself to be a
25 retired New Mexico state police officer if that person is,

1 in fact, not a retired New Mexico state police officer. The
2 secretary shall determine what constitutes satisfactory
3 proof that a person is a retired New Mexico state police
4 officer.

5 **C. A person who violates the provisions of**
6 **Subsection B of this section is guilty of a petty**
7 **misdeemeanor and shall be sentenced pursuant to Section**
8 **31-19-1 NMSA 1978.**

9 D. A fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00), which
10 is in addition to the regular motor vehicle registration
11 fee, shall be collected by the division for the original
12 issuance of the special registration plate for retired New
13 Mexico state police officers.

14 E. Ten dollars (\$10.00) of the fee collected
15 pursuant to Subsection D of this section shall be retained
16 by the division and is appropriated to the division to
17 defray the cost of making and issuing special registration
18 plates for retired New Mexico state police officers. The
19 remaining fifteen dollars (\$15.00) shall be deposited in the
20 motor vehicle suspense fund for distribution pursuant to
21 Section 66-6-23 NMSA 1978.

22 **F. The secretary shall approve the final logo**
23 **design for the special registration plate for retired New**
24 **Mexico state police officers. The logo shall be clearly**
25 **marked as "retired New Mexico state police".**

Section 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. -- Except for Section 1 of
this act, the effective date of the provisions of this act

